

TFACA Newsletter July 2010

Academy Receives Plaque from Army Special Operations



The US Army's First Battalion, Alpha Company, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment awarded the Fire Academy a Certificate of Appreciation on June 14, 2010. The certificate was issued in appreciation of the Academy's support of training conducted by Alpha Company at the Fire Acad-

emy in Bell Buckle. Executive Director Roger Hawks accepted



the plaque on behalf of the Academy and thanked the Army for the certificate and confirmed the Academy's support of Alpha Company's training activities.

Additional training exercises may be conducted at the Fire Academy by the Army in the future.

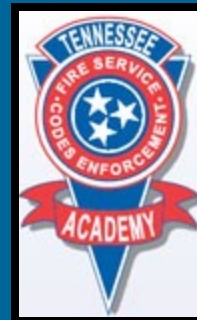
Codes Classes

TFACA Codes program continues to provide training for the 2009 Residential Building Code and the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code. Both codes were part of the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grants provided to TN to help reduce energy consumption. Since November 2009, the Academy has presented 3 series of these classes, Introduction to International Residential Code, Residential Building Principles and Codes Applications, and Introduction to International Energy Conservation Code.

The training is part of the adoption of a Residential building code for new construction for 1 and 2 family dwellings. Enforcement of the 2009 International Residential Code is scheduled to begin October 2010.



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Upcoming Classes & Events

Introduction to Leadership- Train-the Trainer, July 10, Fire Chief's convention, Nashville

Fire Chaplain Tract August 9-14- @ TFACA

Annual Fire Chief's Conference July 11-13, 2010 Nashville Airport Marriott

Basic/Live Firefighting, TFACA Oct. 4-15, 2010

Tennessee Ultimate FF Challenge TUFF September 25, 2010 @ TFACA

See website for dates and locations

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Wayne Morris selected as Fire Instructor Supervisor

Wayne Morris has joined the Fire Academy in the position of Fire Service Instructor Supervisor. Wayne has over 20 years experience in the fire service and is a certified, Fire Instructor 1 and 2,

Fire Officer 1 and 2 and Fire Inspector. Wayne will be supervising the on and off campus class deliveries and the day to day Fire Service program.



Academy Mission Statement

To plan, deliver and facilitate education and training that promotes professionalism and competency of fire service and codes enforcement personnel through a standardized state-wide program, thereby enhancing the individual and collective ability to protect life and property of Tennessee citizens.

Upcoming Classes

A new train-the-trainer has been developed entitled "Introduction to Leadership." This class is tailored to volunteer fire departments and provides basic information and principals related to managing fire service personnel and activities. The first offering of this class will be at the Fire Chief's

meeting in Nashville in July.

Fire Officer III will be conducted this fall starting in Oct. and ending in Jan. Please see our website for dates and times.

Fire Officer 1/2 Combined will be conducted at the Fire Academy

with the first week scheduled for Aug 23-26. This is a four week program, one week per month for four months.

Recruit Firefighting: There are still some vacancies for the July 19th F100 Recruit Class.

New Course Announcement: Ladder Company Fireground Operations

The Academy has developed a new course entitled *Ladder Company Fireground Operations*. This class covers the basic objectives of ladder company work including the assignments of conducting a

primary search, rescuing victims, forcing entry, and conducting proper ventilation techniques. This class also emphasizes other areas of importance including pre-incident planning, using standard

operating guidelines, aerial placement, and working within an Incident Management System (IMS).

Check our website for upcoming offerings of this and other classes.

16 and 64 Hour Train-the Trainer Programs

The Introduction to Fire and Emergency Services, commonly called the 16 hour class, and the Basic Firefighting, commonly called the 64 hour class, train-the-trainer programs have been hugely successful. Both of these train-the-trainer classes provide participating departments with the ability to meet the firefighter minimum training requirements in a cost effective and efficient manner.

488 individuals completed the Introduction to Emergency Services train-the-trainer class and have conducted 116 Introduction to Fire and Emergency Services classes. A total of 178 students participated for a total of 18,818 hours. All of these classes were presented free of charge.

236 individuals have completed the Basic Firefighting train-the-trainer and have conducted 49 classes.

679 students participated in these classes for a total of 43,456 hours.

Additional information on these and other classes can be found on the Academy website at <http://tn.gov/commerce/sfm/tfaca/index.shtml> or by contacting the Fire Program Director at TFACA at 931-294-4151.

TFACA is
your
state
source
for NFA,
Fire and
Codes
Training

In the 2009/2010 fiscal year

Goals of the Academy

To enhance the safety of every Tennessean from the hazards of fires, natural disasters and terrorist acts, by providing state-of-the-art training to fire fighters, other emergency first responders and codes enforcement personnel.

To deliver our training in an affordable diversified format, so as to serve the needs of both urban and rural students.

To develop partnerships with both public and private sector organizations to facilitate the furtherance of our mission.

New Class "A" Live Fire Prop Completed and In Use

The new "Class A" live fire prop at the Academy is now fully operational. Participants and Instructors alike are commenting on the effectiveness of the training that is achieved using this prop. The prop is used for all live fire training classes as part of the required evolutions. The prop includes a sprinkler system, ventilation system and thermocouple that monitor temperature and time. There are plans to add an additional section in 2010/11 that will include obstructions and forcible entry exercises.



Fire Academy adds Wireless system

The need for internet service has long been a major point on student evaluations at TFACA. The Academy has listened and on 6/15/10 wireless was installed at TFACA!

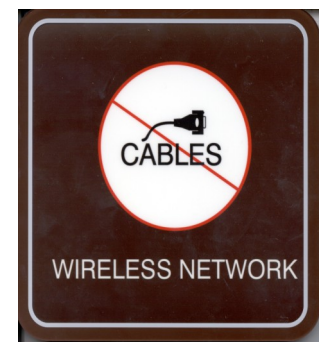
The classroom building, dormitory and fire station have a wireless network installed which provides coverage for those specific areas. Individuals who attend the Academy are encour-

aged to use this system for your communication needs.

In an effort to provide the best class experience possible, internet access is prohibited for class participants during their classes unless approved by the instructor for class activities.

A special thanks goes out to Rock Ridenhour and David Trott

for their hard work on this much needed project.



Patch Board

TFAC has a patch board in the Classroom building and is seeking TN Fire Department patches. We would love to add your patch to the board so send us one or give it to any TFACA staff member and we will see it gets posted.

Commission Approves Fire Instructor I and II Combined Class

The Academy has received Commission approval on a new Fire Instructor class. The class is 60 hours (not including homework assignments) and is taught in 30 hour segments but may be taught in smaller segments to meet local needs. We have

scheduled week 1 of the first class for July 19-22 and week 2 for Aug. 16-19. Combining Fire Instructor 1 and 2 reduces the redundancy of the two separate classes, saves the participating departments money, and provides a smoother and more

effective class delivery.

Additional information on this and other classes can be found on the Academy website at <http://tn.gov/commerce/sfm/tfaca/index.shtml>

We are on the Web.
Check us out for the
latest news and up- to-
date class information .
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Famous Quotes **Who said?**

"Do your duty in all things. You can not do more, you should never wish to do less."

"Never do a wrong thing to make a friend or keep on"

Find the answer at the bottom of Page 1

Need a Place to Meet?

Located on 330 acres in northern Bedford County, TN, the Academy includes a hands-on training center with specialized laboratories, modern classrooms, a research library, and a mock courtroom. The Academy's full-service campus offers overnight accommodations for as many as 104 students and a 250-person dining facility.

Kerry Kimmel **Leaves Academy**

It is with a great deal of sadness that we report that Mrs. Kerry Kimmel, Hospitality Manager at TFACA for the past nine (9) years, resigned on June 15th. to care for her daughter, Victoria, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident. Kerry will be greatly missed by everyone at the Academy and those that worked with her from other organizations. All of us here at the Academy wish Kerry the very best and pray for Victoria's speedy recovery.



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Don't see it in the **catalog?**

Have a training need that isn't in the catalog? Give us a call, we may be able to tailor a custom class to meet your specific needs.

Some of our custom courses include:

Team Building Training
Specifications and Purchasing
New Vehicle Orientation training
Fire Service Leadership
Fire Service Ethics